



Message from the Mayor

Greetings!

I am humbled and honored that you have placed your confidence in me, once again, electing me your Mayor. I feel blessed as I begin this new term and assure you that I will always strive to reflect the utmost compassion, honesty, and integrity. All of you are family to me and when making decisions that will impact the community, we must involve the whole family. To the other candidates who ran let us work together for a better future for the Town, the place we call home. I will do my best to fulfill your expectations and will try to never let you down.

Thank you again!

Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad



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Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II
Clifton Atkinson – Ward II
Taunya Hines – Ward III
Paula Noble – Ward III

March 10, 2021

FOREST HEIGHTS ELECTION BOARD TALLEY SHEET

MAYORAL CANDIDATES

HABEEB-ULLAH MUHAMMAD (INCUMBENT)	89
CYNTHIA MANN	66
LARRY STONER	25
WRITE-IN	0

WARD I CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN	
ROBERT BARNES JR.	25
JAMES WARE	1

WARD II CANDIDATES

CLIFTON ATKINSON (INCUMBENT)	54
THERESA BROWNSON	43
WRITE-IN	0

WARD III CANDIDATES

TAUNYA HINES (INCUMBENT)	55
WRITE-IN	
Sean T. Nazzio	1

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Community News

MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 02 - 21

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, EXPEDITED PURSUANT TO GUBERNATORIAL EMERGENCY ORDER, AMENDING SECTIONS 33-18 (THE MAYOR; POWERS AND DUTIES) AND 33-38 (REGISTRATION, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS; REGULATION AND CONTROL) OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND TO AUTHORIZE AND ALLOW THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DURING A DECLARED CIVIL EMERGENCY TO AMEND OR MODIFY BY PROCLAMATION AND SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION THE MANNER OF VOTING AND CASTING OF BALLOTS AND OTHER PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED BY CHARTER OR ORDINANCE CODE AND GENERALLY RELATED TO REGISTRATION, NOMINATIONS AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad. First Reading February 1, 2021 Seconded Reading February 17, 2021 Motion Passed March 14, 2021 Vote 7 Yea 0 Nay

UNA CARTA DE ENMIENDA RESOLUCIÓN DEL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, ACELERADA DE ACUERDO CON LA ORDEN GUBERNATORIAL DE EMERGENCIA, ENMENDANDO LAS SECCIONES 33-18 (EL ALCALDE; PODERES Y DEBERES) Y 33-38 (REGISTRO, NOMINACIONES Y ELECCIONES; REGLAMENTO Y CONTROL) DE LA CARTA DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND PARA AUTORIZAR Y PERMITIR AL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DURANTE UNA EMERGENCIA CIVIL DECLARADA PARA ENMENDAR O MODIFICAR POR PROCLAMACIÓN Y UNA ENMIENDA DE LA CARTA RESOLUCIÓN DEL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, ACELERADO DE ACUERDO CON LA ORDEN GUBERNATORIAL DE EMERGENCIA, ENMENDANDO LAS SECCIONES 33-18 (EL ALCALDE; PODERES Y DEBERES) Y 33-38 (REGISTRO, NOMINACIONES Y ELECCIONES; REGULACIÓN Y CONTROL) DE LA CARTA DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND PARA AUTORIZAR Y PERMITIR AL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO, DURANTE UNA EMERGENCIA CIVIL DECLARADA, ENMENDAR O MODIFICAR POR PROCLAMACIÓN Y POSTERIOR RESOLUCIÓN LA FORMA DE VOTO Y LANZAMIENTO DE LA BOLA OTROS Y OTROS PROCEDIMIENTOS Y REQUISITOS RELATIVOS A LA REALIZACIÓN DE LAS ELECCIONES PREVIAMENTE ESTABLECIDAS POR CARTA U ORDENANZA RESOLUCIÓN POSTERIOR LA FORMA DE VOTACIÓN Y EJECUCIÓN DE LAS BOLETAS Y OTROS PROCEDIMIENTOS Y REQUISITOS RELATIVOS A LA CONDUCCIÓN DE LAS ELECCIONES O ANTERIORMENTE ESTABLECIDAS POR CÓDIGOS DE CARÁCTER O PREVIAMENTE INSCRIPCIONES, NOMINACIONES Y ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES

REMINDER: OUT OF STATE VEHICLE REGISTRATION: Maryland law requires that most vehicles be titled and registered in this state if they will be kept here more than sixty (60) days. A non-resident permit enables a licensed driver to maintain and operate a vehicle with out-of-state registration for more than sixty (60) days in Maryland, without titling and registering it here. To obtain a non-resident permit, you must have an out-of-state driver's license and meet one of the following criteria:

Student - You are enrolled as a student in an accredited school, college, or university in Maryland, the District of Columbia, or in a bordering state, or you are serving a medical internship in Maryland. Note: medical residents are not eligible for a non-resident permit.

Military - You are a member or are a dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States or of the United State Public Health Service and are serving on active duty in Maryland, an adjoining state, or the District of Columbia.

Temporary Employee - You are temporarily employed in Maryland.

Visitor - You have a permanent dwelling in another state and are visiting Maryland as a vacationer, to receive medical treatment or for another legitimate. **If you do not meet any of the criteria listed above and you choose to maintain and operate your vehicle in Maryland for more than sixty (60) days, you must either apply for a Maryland title and registration, or apply for dual registration.**

Forest Heights Police Department Calls for Service March 2021

911 DISCONNECT	3	STOLEN VEHICLE	1
ACCIDENT	2	SUSPICIOUS OCC AUTO	3
ASSIST	2	THEFT REPORT	1
DEPT ACCIDENT FD COMB.	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	1
DISORDERLY	2	TRAFFIC HAZARD	1
FAMILY DISPUTE	4	TOTAL CALLS:	29
LOST PROPERTY	1		
MISC POLICE INCIDENTS	1		
OVERDOSE BLS COMB.	1		
PREMISE CHECK	2		
PROPERTY DAMAGE	1		
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	1		

POLICE STATION
5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE
Operating
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
301-839-4040
(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)
(301) 352-1200



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I would like to thank everyone who wrote my name in as a candidate for Ward I. As usual, I will be available to help with solving problems relating to town issues. Once again thanks for putting your trust in me, to represent you as your Councilperson.

Councilman Robert Barnes, Ward I



Your vote shows that you trust me to be your voice, and I cannot thank you enough for the confidence that you have shown in me. I promise to lead us to greater heights and accomplish all that I have set out to do. Thank You.

Councilman Clifton Atkinson Ward II



We all know that with great power comes great responsibility, and with your vote, you have placed me in this position that I truly respect. I will not take this position lightly, and I fully understand the responsibilities that you all have bestowed upon me. Your vote means a great deal to me. It shows me that you believe in what I stand for and hopefully you appreciate my work on the council thus far. With your vote, you have shown that you all want to help me work towards this towns goals. I intend to start working on more innovative ideas to show you that you have made the right decision. I assure you that your vote truly does matter to me. Thank you for coming out to vote please continue to hold me accountable.

Your Ward III Representative Taunya Hines

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

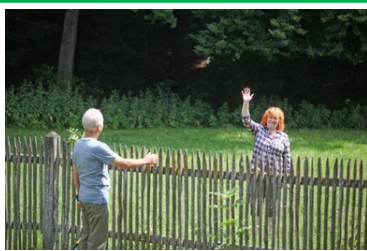
Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

As a precaution in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, Town Meetings will be open to the public but will be held by teleconference.

For Public Period, each person will be limited to two (2) minutes for public comments and the Mayor and Council Members will not provide feedback to comments or statements provided from the public.

Please send written questions or comments to the Town Clerk at Shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. Comments/questions will be submitted to the appropriate individual.

FOREST HEIGHTS IS BLOSSOMING OUT!



We are encouraging all Forest Heights residents to come outside on Saturday, April 24, at 2pm. Just as the flowers are blossoming out this time of year, so should you. Come outside, introduce yourself to your neighbors!

Alentamos a todos los residentes de Forest Heights a que salgan el sábado 24 de abril a las 2 pm. Así como las flores están floreciendo en esta época del año, tú también deberías hacerlo. ¡Sal, preséntate a tus vecinos!

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TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

COMMUNITY SHREDDING

SATURDAY
APRIL 10, 2021
9 AM - 12 PM

FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

First come, first served.

It will be for residential use only.



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

SPRING CLEAN UP

SATURDAY
APRIL 17, 2021
9 AM - 12 PM

FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

Space is limited to 25 participants as we will be picking up the trash on streets. This is an opportunity for students to earn community service hours.



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

Prince George's County, Maryland

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS CONTEST

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Prince George's County is holding its annual Beautification Awards contest, looking for residential and commercial properties that showcase excellent gardening or landscape design.

If you or someone you know in Town deserves to be nominated, please call 301-839-1030 or email kvia@forestheightsmd.gov.

We will submit applications on your behalf.

Applications must be in before May 1, 2021.



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

DUMP WEEK

FOR RESIDENTS ONLY

APRIL 12-17, 2021

FOREST HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL BUILDING

5508 Arapahoe Drive
Forest Heights, MD 20745

Free dumping for residents only.
Must show proof of residency.
No commercial dumping allowed.



COVID-19 News



Prince George's County is offering vaccinations at the following locations:

Cedar Heights Community Center
1200 Glen Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant

Cheverly Health Center
3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD

Kentland Community Center
2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover MD

Sports and Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover MD

Southern Regional Technology Center
7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington

By appointment only. No walk ups allowed. County residents who are eligible may receive a vaccine regardless of insurance status.

Prince George's County is asking residents who have received a link to make a second dose appointment **NOT** to share that link. This causes delays and slows down the appointment process for everyone.

Pre-register with the county and find out more information about the vaccine rollout at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccination>

Prince George's County COVID Testing sites

Prince George's County has several permanent testing locations for COVID-19, with pop up locations announced on their website. You can find the locations by going to princegeorgescountymd.gov and searching COVID-19 testing. Testing is limited to persons 10 years of age or older. Patients do not need an appointment, doctor's note, or insurance to get tested.

Adventist Medical Group. 10709 Indian Head Highway, Suite D, Fort Washington. Open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 7:30 AM-11:30 AM.

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville. 6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville. Open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.



Testing is also available by appointment at many private locations. Check with your nearest pharmacy to see if they offer this service. The Prince George's County website also offers locating services for testing.

DONATE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The Prince George's County Office of Community Relations is organizing a donation program for residents in need, as well as first responders or medical personnel. If you have non-perishable food, baby supplies, hygiene products or Personal Protective Equipment, consider filling out the online form by following the link below:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/FormCenter/Health-13/COVID19-Donations-138>



PGCPS Phase 1 reopening



Prince George's County Schools are shifting to a hybrid learning system. On **Thursday, April 8**, Phase 1 instruction will begin with a two-day hybrid learning schedule for students in prekindergarten through sixth grade and 12th grade as well as special education students in kindergarten through 12th grade. On Thursday, April 15, Phase 2 instruction will begin for all remaining seventh- through 11th-graders. Families will have the choice to return to the in-person two-day hybrid schedule or

continue virtual learning. All students must wear face coverings while in school. Learn more at <https://www.pgcps.org/reopen-pgcps>

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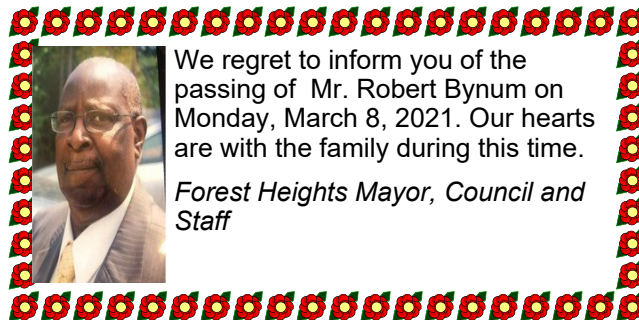
Free Health Resources-Doctors Community Health System

Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings

Doctors Community Hospital
8116 Good Luck Road
Professional Office Building, Suite 110
Lanham, MD 20706
301-552-8524 DCHweb.org/breast Women who reside in Prince George's County may qualify if they have a photo or Picture ID, are ages 40 or older, are uninsured or underinsured or have a limited income. Appointment required.

Free Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

Doctors Community Hospital
8100 Good Luck Road
North Building, 4th Floor
Lanham, MD 20706
301-552-7705 DCHweb.org/prevention
Colon or colorectal cancer is often preventable or curable. If you are a Prince George's County resident you may qualify for a no cost colonoscopy if you are ages 50 or older, ages 60 or younger with a family history of colorectal cancer, or uninsured or underinsured. Appointment required.



We regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Robert Bynum on Monday, March 8, 2021. Our hearts are with the family during this time.

Forest Heights Mayor, Council and Staff

Senior Exercise Group

The Forest Heights Senior Exercise Class meets in the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 PM. The exercise class is free to join for Forest Heights Seniors, and a great way to stay connected and stay fit.

FOREST HEIGHTS DAY OF PLAY

The Town of Forest Heights will be hosting the Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 12pm-4pm.

It will be at Bell Acres Park at 197 North Huron Drive. We will have games, snacks, and outdoor fun. Free admission. Event subject to change.



Town Community Garden



Interested in having your own gardening space? Want to grow your green thumb? The Town of Forest Heights has a Community Garden on North Huron Drive on a first come first serve basis. Outdoor planting begins in May. Plots are available for individuals, families, and groups.

Gardening for Better Health

Reserve your plot today!

If you are interested, call 301-839-1030.


Weatherization Assistance Available: FREE HOME UPGRADES

Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient. The new and updated applications are here! Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or emailed on request. Applications can be dropped off at the mailbox at the municipal building. **Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference.** For more information, call 301-839-1030. Anyone who meets the income requirements is welcome to apply. Come check it out today!

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than
1 ➡	\$57,750.00	2 ➡	\$66,000.00
3 ➡	\$74,200.00	4 ➡	\$82,500.00
5 ➡	\$89,100.00	6 ➡	\$95,700.00
7 ➡	\$102,300.00	8 ➡	\$108,900.00

Community Calendar

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	2	3
4 Easter Sunday 	5 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm via ZOOM DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885 	6 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	7	8 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	9	10 Forest Heights Shredding Event 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
11	12 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	13 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	14	15 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	16	17 Forest Heights Cleanup 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
CLEANUP WEEK 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday for Residents ONLY						
18	19 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	20 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	21 MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm via ZOOM DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463 	22 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	23	24 Forest Heights Blossoming Out 2:00 PM
25	26 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	27 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	28	29 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	30	

TAX SEASON IS HERE

The deadline to submit your tax return has been extended to May 17, 2021 but you should start preparing for it now. Please be sure to put Forest Heights as your address, and use the Town of Forest Heights Tax Code (1728) instead of Prince George's County.

By putting Forest Heights on your tax code and driver's license you are ensuring that the tax revenue gets directed to the Town and the 4 schools within the municipality.



Prince George's Emergency Rental Assistance Program Relaunch

The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is now offering emergency rental assistance to landlords on behalf of tenants experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the relaunch of its Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).*

The ERAP Relaunch Opens Thursday, March 4, 2021
Applications accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

Who can apply?

Landlords, holding a valid County rental license, with occupied rental units.

What can ERAP cover?

Landlords may apply for each tenant's delinquent rental payments beginning on or after April 1, 2020 for up to 12 months of back rent. The monthly amount of assistance is based on the actual rent value less all late fees, interest, and other costs associated with the tenant's default.

Rent assistance will be paid directly to the landlord/management company on behalf of the tenant through ACH direct deposit.

Visit the DHCD website for detailed information about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to check for:

- Required Landlord Documentation Needed for Submission with Application
- FAQ's

Tenant Eligibility Requirements

- Have a valid lease agreement in their name.
- Income eligible families whose annual income does not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), as determined by HUD, and adjusted for household size (check DHCD website for AMI eligibility).
- Able to show income loss due to COVID-19.

Tenants will not need to provide a Social Security number or birth certificate to apply.

What If My Landlord Refuses to Apply?

Tenants unable to pay their rent due to a loss of income because of COVID-19, may apply for rental assistance for up to 6 months in arrears and utility assistance, if their landlord will not apply for rental assistance funding on their behalf.

Rent assistance will be paid directly to the landlord/management company on behalf of the tenant through ACH direct deposit.

Utility assistance will be paid directly to the utility company on behalf of the tenant.

Visit the DHCD website for detailed information about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to check for:

- Required tenant documentation needed for submission with the application
- Where tenants can receive assistance with completing and submitting an application
- FAQ's

Learn More & Apply: hcd.mypgc.us

*This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number ERA0202 awarded to Prince George's County, MD Government by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

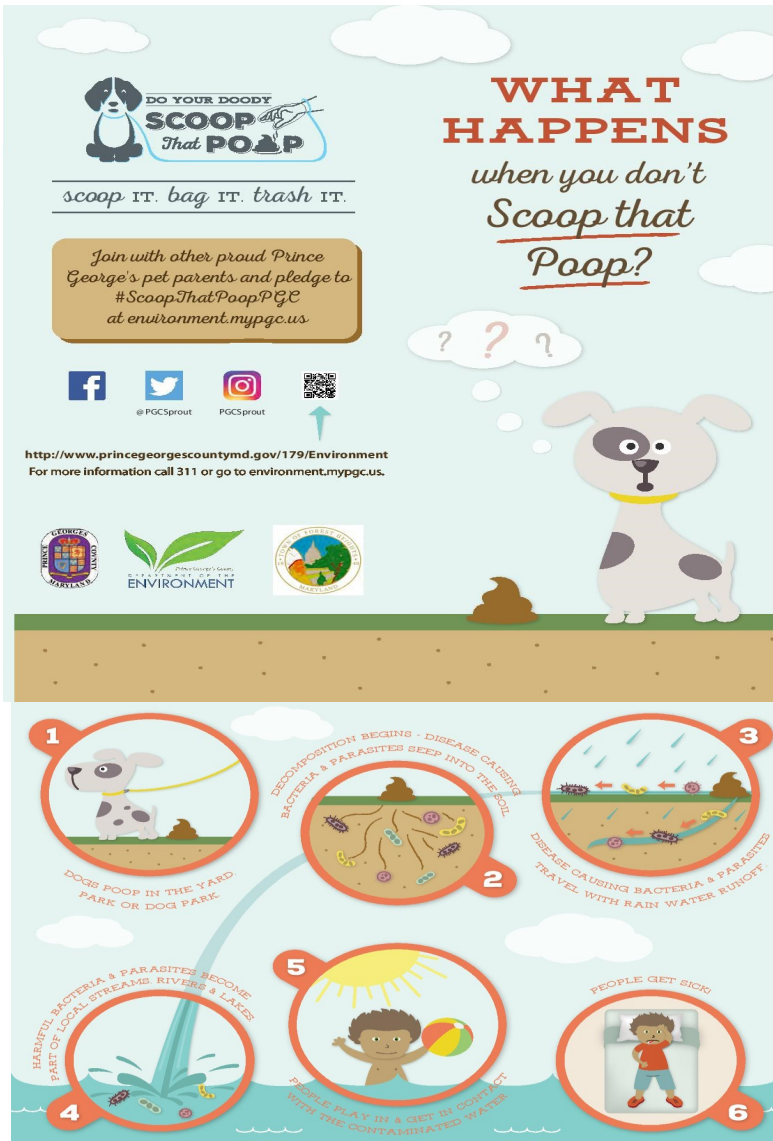


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FROM THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

MR. HAWKINS: Grass Height should be Below 8" inches.

Leash Law. It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large may be impounded. A violation Notice may be issued to the owner of an animal found.



Scoop that Poop. The owner or custodian of any dog or cat must remove their pet's excrement from public or private property.



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chief@forestheightsmd.gov

Senora Thompson Scott, Police Clerk—ext. 1225

Lisa White, Director of Communications

FHPD_Media@forestheightsmd.gov

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Joseph Hawkins—ext.1228

codeenforcement@forestheightsmd.gov

mmoore@forestheightsmd.gov

Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 839-4040

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

NOTARY SERVICES-by appointment only

8:30 a.m-4:00 p.m.